Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" What I wanted has been asked by the other Member, Sir. I wanted to know whether there were any Harijan Executive Officers in the first and second grades and it has been answered."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" கோயில்களை **I Grade, II Grade** என்று பிரித்திருப்பதினால். கடவுளை தங்களுக்குள் பாரபக்ஷம் காண்பிக்கிறார்களா என்று தங்களுடைய குறைகளைத் தெரிவித்து சர்க்காருக்கு மகஜர் வந்திருக்கிறதா ?"

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" No, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in the matter of recruitment of these Executive Officers to the temples, since it is left to the whims and fancies of the Commissioner of the Endowments Board and since communal representation is not being observed for giving preferential treatment to Harijans and Backward communities, will the Government be pleased to discontinue the present system of recruitment and leave it to the impartial Public Service Commission of the State?"

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, this question has already been put and answered."

Sri B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Sir, will the Government consider appointing honorary Executive Officers if some retired officers want to take up the post just for the love of it?"

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" It is not possible, since we are dealing with valuable articles, jewels, etc. Even security has to be furnished by Executive Officers. Therefore, it is not possible to appoint Honorary Executive Officers."

Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether the Government have given effect to the rules framed on 5th February 1953 in this regard?"

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Sri C. KANDASAMY :—" முதல்தர கோவில்கள், இரண்டாந்தர கோவில்களின் எண்ணிக்கையை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள். அவைகளில் எவ்வளவு வைஷ்ணவ கோவில்கள்? எவ்வளவு சிவன் கோவில்கள்?"

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Fishing trawlers.

* 281 Q.—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many fishing trawlers are working in the State;

(b) how many of them are working in the West Coast;

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(c) the total amount realized by the sale of catches in the year 1952–53;

(d) whether the Government propose to make trawlers available to fishermen or their co-operative societies on easy terms of hire purchase; and

(e) the amount spent by the Government for their maintenance and working in the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No trawlers are owned by the Fisheries Department. Only 8 motor fishing vessels and 13 motor luggers, are owned by the department and they are engaged in deep sea fishing operations.

" (b) Six motor luggers are working on the West Coast of which two are in Mangalore division and four in Malabar division.

" (c) The total amount realized by the sale of catches in the year 1952–53 is Rs. 18,127.

" (d) A motor lugger was given on hire to one party in the West Coast. Two firms have now applied for taking the motor fishing vessels on hire. The question of making the motor luggers available to the fishermen or fishermen co-operatives on hire-purchase system is under consideration of Government.

" (e) The amount spent by the department for the maintenance of the motor fishing vessels and luggers during the year 1952–53 was Rs. 71,701."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, whether the fishing vessel that has been working in Mangalore is a vessel condemned by the Navy and as such, it is under continual repairs throughout the year? "

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" On a point of order, Sir. The question is about trawlers. But the Hon. Minister has stated about the mechanized boats."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not understand the point of order involved in it."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" Sir, the question seeks to know how many trawlers are here in this State. The Hon. Minister has stated about six mechanized boats. Trawlers are different from mechanized boats and that is my point, Sir."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there are no trawlers owned by the Fisheries Department. There are only motor fishing vessels and motor luggers."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, if I understand the Hon. Minister correctly, the expenditure involved in the maintenance of these motor vessels was about Rs. 71,000, whereas the money

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realized by the sale of catches amounted to Rs. 18,000 May I know why it is not possible for these motor vessels to be operated economically?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" True, Sir. All these vessels were purchased in 1946 out of the Army Surplus. They being second-hand ones, some of them have become unworkable. There are only five vessels which are now working and even the maintenance of these vessels has become a liability on the Fisheries Department. It is a white elephant. We are examining the whole question whether to dispose of them or what we should do in future."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are any refrigeration vans for carrying fishes?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I should like to have notice, Sir. I think there is one."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether there are any motor vessels fishing on the coast of Madras, or near the City of Madras and whether native fishermen are given any training in the use of motor vessels?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like a separate question being put."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that catches have become scarce in the West Coast for the last one year or more, will the Government expedite the consideration of granting trawlers or these motor vehicles to Fishermen's Co-operative Societies, so that Deep-Sea Fishing can be done there?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, we shall expedite the proposal relating to that. Further, I may tell the hon. Member that under the Technical Co-operation Aid Programme, the Government will get the following equipment :—

10 Diesel Marine Engines;
3 Small Powered Vessels;
2 Insulated Vans;
1 Purse Seiner."

Allegations against the Sub-Inspector of Police, Valparai.

10-30 a.m. * 282 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether a public meeting held under the auspices of the Anamalai Plantation Workers' Union was interrupted by the Sub-Inspector of Police of Valparai in January 1954; and if so, under what circumstances?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is a fact that a meeting was held on 10th January 1954 in front of the Police